



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, June 1, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Monday, June 1, 2020, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:38 am, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

PRESENT:	Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair Commissioner Delane Anderson Commissioner Bill Lasley
ABSENT:	None
STAFF:	Sharee Sprague, Clerk Flor Cardona, Deputy Clerk Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Conrad Isaak Kristen Jensen Mark Wynn Karima Tomasino Assessor Mary Annen Treasurer Deanna Curry

III. AGENDA

A. NOTICES/REPORTS

1. **FMC Letter Discussion:** Commissioner Anderson advised Great Rift has a connection to the transload Savage facility project. Legal Counsel Anson Call advised there is a meeting on Monday with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the eastern Michaud area. Commissioner Anderson advised it would be beneficial to locate the Savage project to the FMC project. Kristen Jensen with Great Rift advised she is willing to attend the meeting with the EPA.
2. **Herd District:** Commission Chair Ron Funk reports that he was contacted by the Power County Highway District advising that they have been asked to post signs on all the Herd District areas. The other Commissioners recognized similar inquiries. Legal Counsel Anson Call reports that Highway District should seek their own legal advice. It was further clarified that Herd District changes on the grandfathered Herd Districts would

require land owner agreement and taxing of the residents in the Herd District areas.

3. **Government Funding Options:** Commissioner Funk advised that during the meeting with the Governor a property tax reimbursement plan was discussed. Commissioner Funk advised if the County participates, they would not allowed to take 3% and cannot use foregone. Commissioner Funk also advised credit on property tax and money for payroll will be provided to use for public health, health district and first responder first for 103% of payroll to offset loss in increased tax base. Commissioner Funk advised the sales tax is down at least 10% statewide.

The Commission agreed to have post an emergency meeting tomorrow to attend a conference call with the Idaho Association of Counties and Governor Little's Office to discuss Coronavirus Relief Fund Reimbursements.

B. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda Amended and Approved:** A motion to amend the agenda for Monday, June 1, 2020, to include FMC letter, Government funding options for lost taxes on the grounds that information was provided to the Board after the posting of the meeting and said items necessitate action prior to the next regular scheduled meeting and then approve the agenda was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Anderson. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.
2. **COVID-19 Updates:** Legal Counsel Anson Call presented an updated COVID-19 policy for discussion to re-open the Courthouse. The parties discussed options for office staffing and providing services to other county residents. Clerk Sharee Sprague reported they are still working on printing all the signage to the building and hope to have things ready by 1:00 pm. A motion was presented by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the COVID-19 Public Access to County Buildings Policy as amended by legal Counsel with a second presented by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Call advised he will draft a new policy for staffing and then changes can occur within each department. Commissioner Funk advised each department head will have the ability to manage their own department needs with employees working from home.

Clerk Sprague advised when the equipment is returned from the employees, she will have it ready to be checked out if needed in the future.

3. **University of Idaho Extension Office MOU:** Legal Counsel Anson Call advised on miscommunication with the execution of the memorandum of understanding (MOU). Mr. Call presented agreed changes to the MOU and presented a revised version of the MOU for execution by the Commission. Mr. Call advises that the University has not signed the original MOU, therefore, this version would replace the previously executed MOU. Upon conclusion, a motion to accept the recommended changes and adopt the updated Cooperative Agreement with the University of Idaho was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.